



PROJECTS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Student Sustainability Committee (SSC)

November 5, 2011

2PM, Ruth Merrill Center

In Attendance:

- Robert Simeral & Kathleen Black – Grassroots
- Rachel Goldstein – Team Green
- Alexandre David – Greenspace/EcoReps
- Lauren Laibach – EcoReps
- Rina Polyakov & Ellen Sadri – ESW/BioDiesel
- Megan Dewitt – Past Coordinator
- William Finnie – Current Coordinator

Council Evaluation

Purpose of SSC

- Meg's original intentions for SSC
 - Ways to connect the different groups
 - Increase communication
 - Standard council for everyone to attend and speak at
- How it changed over the years
 - Bringing in administrators
 - Having specific topics and points for the meetings
- What groups want it to be now and if it serves its purpose
 - It seems as though everyone wants it to be an open forum for the student leaders
 - No administrators giving talks
 - Sharing groups goals and projects
 - Will evaluate the necessity at the end of meeting

Group Reports/Updates

Grassroots

- *Sustain-a-bowl*- Energy usage for dorms on campus compared to past years
 - Percentage reduced is measured
 - Dorms can also gain points to go to events- effort to get people involved
 - Wall-E showing 8PM on Thursday in Hoyt
 - Amy Kadrie Recycling tour Friday
 - Finale Concert: Nov. 18th Douglas 8 PM



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CFL Light Bulbs

- Change program to make it more publicized and convenient for students
- Contracts with vendors could be causing problems
- Have the lightbulbs at event
- Greentopia and RC? giving them away for free

Green Team

- Local foods week
- Flexitarian dinner
 - Have Greek life co-sponsor it
- Cam's initiatives
 - Improving programs, increase attendance to Flexitarian dinner, increasing awareness through promotions
 - More publicity for clamshell program
 - Issues with using clamshell at Danforth- Will will tell the Projects and Services people who will tell Bob
 - Should set out clamshells next to cashier
 - Have all incoming freshman get clamshells
 - Freshman use them
 - Reusing plates at Danforth
 - Not sustainable, sanitation issues don't make sense
 - Rules are not consistent within the dining facilities

Green Space

- Reslife
 - Wants to spend money to get people to spend time on the quad, sustainable, awareness, etc.
 - Insulated gazebo for the quad, wind turbine on top (electricity), rocks have water pipe from geothermal piping, good ventilation
 - Gilbert garden
 - Fire pit
 - Greener cleaning supplies
 - Issues with the contractor
 - Cost vs. quality of green products
 - Paper options in the library (also one of Will's projects)
 - Same price, higher recycling content
 - Treeless paper
 - Finding the best, cost effective option
- America Recycles
 - November 14th- week of America Recycles
 - Recycled Runway- Riverlevel interfaith chapel
 - Campus groups put together a model to design an outfit
 - Groups are assigned a material that 75% to 80%

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- Monroe County's updated policy
- ASL interpreter
- Starbucks, Chipotle sponsors

EcoReps

- November 12th: Ecopalooza- students putting together arts & crafts with reusable/sustainable materials, scavenger hunt for recycled materials, live music, ALL OUT SUSTAINABLE PARTY, in Hirst
- Proposals to the UCOS

ESW

- Beginning new program, Terracycle
 - Involves collecting Kashi and candy wrappers from around The Commons to recycle into bags etc
 - Can find out more information on the terracycle website
 - Will have weekly collections, work on a rotation between different groups if possible

Will Finnie

- Spoke about his connection with administration and the SA
- Please feel free to contact in case of anything that needs help from the higher ups in the school, facilities, UCOS, academics etc
- Is a resource for all of the groups present and can help organize anything they need
- Would like to work on a update of the Blue Light program and making it more energy efficient
 - Important connection to Greenspace since reslife is looking to green things on the quad
- Mel weekend committee
 - Huge lack of sustainability efforts during Mel weekend
 - Would like the SSC to spearhead an effort to change this
 - The administration already loves the idea

Closing

- Everyone agrees that SSC is extremely beneficial and should continue happening
- Will try and meet bi-weekly as everyone has a lot to say and discuss since this meeting went over an hour and everything was not able to be covered
- Next meeting is scheduled for two weeks from this one, same time and place, if any details are changed and email will be sent out